# Mountain Weather Forecast

## North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 03 May 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 May 2023 at 03:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** Low confidence for details of light rain moving north on Wednesday. High for very windy conditions on the tops on Thursday then more showery conditions from Friday.

**Headline for Wednesday 03 May 2023:** Mainly dry and cloudy for morning. A little rain in afternoon. Light winds.

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 May 2023**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
No Likelihood

**Gales**
No Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
Low Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Low Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Cloudy | Cloudy | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Cloudy |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| <05% | 10% | 30% | 60% | 30% | 10% |

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**Weather:** A dry morning with some brightness then outbreaks of rain spreading north in the afternoon but mainly light in nature. Rain clearing north during the evening.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 70%.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Mainly good visibility but becoming hazy as rain arrives in the afternoon. Some patchy cloud and fog above about 900m, this mainly across the Cairngorms in the afternoon.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 03 May 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 14/19 S | 15/20 S | 12/16 S | 10/15 S | 12/16 SE | 15/20 SE | 19/27 SE |
| **900** | 10/13 S | 10/13 S | 10/14 S | 11/15 S | 11/16 S | 10/15 SE | 14/23 SE |
| **600** | 6/8 E | 6/8 NE | 5/9 E | 6/10 S | 5/7 SE | 4/7 SE | 5/10 SE |
| **300** | 1/4 SW | 2/5 SW | 3/7 SE | 3/7 SW | 2/6 W | 3/7 NE | 3/7 SE |
| **Glen** | 2/11 S | 5/12 S | 6/14 SW | 5/11 SW | 4/9 S | 2/6 SE | 2/6 SW |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 1/-4 | 2/-4 | 2/-2 | 3/-1 | 2/-2 | 2/-3 | 2/-4 |
| **900** | 6/2 | 6/3 | 7/4 | 7/4 | 6/4 | 6/3 | 6/2 |
| **600** | 6/4 | 8/6 | 9/8 | 9/8 | 8/7 | 7/6 | 7/6 |
| **300** | 6/5 | 9/9 | 12/12 | 11/11 | 10/9 | 9/8 | 8/7 |
| **Glen** | 6/5 | 11/10 | 13/12 | 12/11 | 11/11 | 9/9 | 8/7 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 1600m | 1700m | 1800m | 1900m | 1900m | 1900m | 1800m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Generally good hill walking conditions with light winds but a little rain in the afternoon.

**Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023**
**Weather:** A dry day with bright or sunny spells. The strong and gusty southeasterly winds will be the main feature, especially on high exposed ridges and plateau, with sudden downslope gusts possible on lee slopes. Significant wind chill.

**Maximum wind:** East or Southeast 20mph increasing in the morning, 30 to 40mph with gusts of 60mph, perhaps 70mph over high exposed ridges and plateau.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 80%.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Mostly good visibility but some patchy low cloud on the tops of the Cairngorms.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 8C rising to 11C.
**At 800m:** Plus 6C falling to 4C.
**Freezing level:** Above summits, falling to 1000m.

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